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## THE COUNCIL MEETING

### 13 Mill Tax Levy Provided for and Electric Light Franchise Granted

The city council met last evening and transacted some very important business among which was the levy of a 13 mill tax for 1905 and the quantity of a 30 year franchise to the La Grande Storage Water Co. (generally known as the Morgan Lake Co.) to operate and maintain an electric light plant.

An ordinance was also passed establishing a base for which all streets in the city should be graded the point selected was the monument established by the U S Geological surveyors on the southwest corner of the Foley House, which shows the altitude above sea level to be 2782 feet.

The city ordered a stone culvert to be made on Main street at the intersection of First street.

It was after midnight when Mayor Slater tapped his gavel announced the result of the vote on adjournment. Most of the time was taken up in the discussion and consideration of the electric light franchise which was taken up and considered section by section.

#### William Alvord

San Francisco, Dec. 22—William Alvord president of the Bank of California, former park commissioner and one of the best known citizens of California, died today.

#### Special Meeting

Hope Chapter No 13, O E S will hold a special Communication Friday Dec 23 7:30 p m in order to confer the degrees, and to arrange for installation ceremonies. By order of Clara T Lyle W. M.

Miss Ada West who is attending school in Portland is home for the holidays.

## UMATILLA COUNTY AT THE FAIR

Pendleton Ore Dec 22—"Umatilla county will be re-constituted as well as a county in the state" said S H Forshaw who is assembling the exhibit for the 1905 fair. Umatilla county has asked for a reserve of 50x50 feet which we will have promised to fill comfortably if all who have promised to contribute do as they agree.

### Money For Fighters

San Francisco, Dec. 22—The total receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were \$26,900 of which Britt received \$8877 Nelson \$5918 and the Yosemite club \$12,105.

## JAPS TAKE GUNS

Washington, Dec. 22—The following cablegram from Tokio has been received at the Japanese legation:

"Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the north fort of Tunkookwanshan were four quick firers, two of which are usable, four machine guns, all usable, and five field guns, which are under examination, besides rifles, shells, ammunition grenades, etc."

### BELITTLE CAPTURE OF FORT

St Petersburg, Dec 22—Military critics here do not attach vital importance to the capture of the north fort of Kekwan mountain. They declare it is not part of the main line of defenses of Port Arthur and therefore without influence on the fate of the fortress.

### TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS

Tokio, Dec 22—The Japanese transport Manahu leaves Japan for Port Arthur about December 26, carrying the foreign naval attaches and parliamentary delegates. The trip is intended to give the attaches an opportunity to make technical observations.

### SEVASTOBOL DISABLED

Tokio Dec 22—Admiral Togo who has personally made observations of the Russian battleship Sevastobol telegraphs the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastobol is disabled.

## THE RAZOR TRIAL HAS COMMENCED

### The Jury Secured and Evidence Being Taken Many Witnesses.

Circuit Court convened this morning promptly at nine o'clock in the Commercial Club parlors for the purpose of trying the case of the state of Oregon vs Albert Razor, charged with killing Ben Ross. The killing took place near Elgin on the twenty ninth day of January this year. The attention of the court was occupied the entire forenoon in securing a jury. Before the jury was secured, nineteen men were examined. The following is the jury:

- John Rynearson, La Grande.
- J A Woodell, Summerville.
- Wm. Webster, La Grande.
- F A McDonald, Alloo.
- A J Goodbrod, Union.
- J D Casey, Hilgard.
- W E Backman, Alloo.
- Wm. Robbs, Summerville.
- A Olson, North Powder.
- George Downs, Alloo.
- C A Staples, Hilgard.
- Thomas Brasher, Union.

The state is represented by District Attorney LeRoy Lomax, and Crawford & Crawford, and the defendant by Hon

Neal McLeod, and White and Winnifree. The court room was comfortably filled with spectators who came to listen to the trial and to see the man who had taken a life and was now on trial for his own life. The defendant Albert Razor was accompanied into court by his father and brother. During the examination of the jurors he sedom if ever lifted his eyes from the table before which he was seated. He did not appear to be in a nervous state, but evidently felt ill at ease. He looks rather thin and pale, but those who know him claim that he never appeared strong or rugged.

With the state's attorneys sat Mrs. Ross, wife of the man who was killed. She is a rather young looking lady and seems to feel deeply the loss which she so suddenly sustained. The case bids fair to be a long drawn out affair, as so far about fifty witnesses have been ordered to appear and more will be summoned as the case progresses.

## SENATOR SHOUP DEAD

George L Shoup, first citizen of Idaho has passed away. The kindly, noble man who represented the state for 10 years in the United States senate and for more than twice that period of time in other public capacities, breathed his last shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The heart that for 68 years beat true for family, country, friends and state gave its final throbs and the grand spirit of the patriot, statesman and beloved friend and neighbor took flight. The end was painless. It came as a paternal good-bye and while the sting of everlasting parting was there it was softened by the knowledge that he to whom the summons came was prepared.

### Portland Markets

The receipts of turkeys today was very large and the market prices are consequently lower. The market is some weaker in respect to dressed turkeys and live ones also. There are however, slight changes in the prices.

The chicken market is somewhat improved over that of last week, but is not yet very strong. Wild game is coming in in small lots and finds a good sale at the quoted prices.

During the past few days it has been ascertained that fully twenty cars of fancy Oregon Burbank potatoes have been purchased by dealers here for out side shipment.

Onion growers are now offering their stocks at from \$2.10 to \$2.25, but a number of the larger growers are holding for an advance in quotations.

It is reported that an advance in the price of creamery butter will likely occur in a few days, as it is stated that the creameries are unable to supply the demand with the best quality.

Today's quotations are as follows:—

- HAY AND GRAIN
- Wheat, export price..... \$76 to 90c
- Barley, best..... \$22.00 to \$23.75
- Oats..... \$26. to \$27.00

Hay, timothy.....	\$15 to \$16
<b>BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY</b>	
Butter best creamery.....	28 1/2c to 30
Butter, ordinary.....	26c
Eggs, per dozen.....	25c to 27 1/2c
Chickens, per pound.....	10c
<b>FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</b>	
Potatoes per cwt.....	75c to \$1
Onions, per cwt.....	\$2.50
Apples, best, per box.....	\$1.25
Peaches, best, per box.....	60c to 75c
Beets, per sack.....	\$1.25
Cabbage, per pound.....	13 1/2c
<b>LIVE STOCK</b>	
Steers.....	\$3.50
Cows.....	\$2.75 to \$3
Bulls.....	\$1.75
Stags.....	\$2
Hogs, best.....	\$4.50 to \$5.25
Hogs, leaders.....	\$3.25 to \$4.25
<b>LOCAL BUTTER MARKET</b>	
Creamery Butter 65 cents per roll.	
Butter Fat 25 cents per pound.	

## SHORT WEIGHT BUTTER

Farmers and Merchants are Notified that the Law Will be Enforced.

## OPPOSED TO ARBITRATION

Boston, Dec 21—The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts, numbering about 30,000 members went on record today as opposing a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. Letters of protest enclosing the resolutions declare that the ratification of the treaty coupled with the willingness of Secretary of State Hay to take concurrent action with the English government in all the important questions may precipitate war with one or more of the great powers of the world. Continuing the resolutions say:

"Such a treaty of arbitration thus obtained will have all the force and effect that a treaty of alliance would have and concurrent action with England under these conditions would inevitably lead to war without the consent of congress.

The following letter is self explanatory. All heretofore guilty parties are warned to immediately reform and sin no more.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 21, 1904  
Mr. J D McKannon,  
La Grande, Oregon,  
Dear Sir:—

I am reliably informed that you and other grocery dealers of your city make a practice of dealing in country or store butter put up in rolls representing to contain two pounds, but in fact they are from two to four ounces short of full weight. Our state law on that point is specific and requires that it shall be 32 ounces, full weight. This law will be strictly enforced.

Sincerely yours,  
J W Bailey,  
State Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Mrs E W Davis and two children left this forenoon on passenger train No 6 for Logan Utah where they will visit during the holidays.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS

The Big Line is at

### HILL'S, DRUG STORE

A. T. HILL, Prescription Druggist

Lowest Prices Best Goods

## HATS

25 Per Cent off on all Hats

*Until the first of the year every Hat in the store will be sold at a 25 per cent discount. This is your opportunity to get your Holiday Hat at a bargain.*

**Novelties**  
The latest in braided handle purses and Peggy bags. Something new in combs and baretts.

**Ribbons** **Handkerchiefs**  
At a discount. The finest line of ribbons ever shown in the city. Special line just received. From now until Jan. 1, for 5 cents up.

**Perfumes, Toilet Soaps and Powders**  
**Switches, Pompadours and Bangs**

**Collars**  
This is positively a new line and can only be secured here.

**MRS. J. R. FORREST,**  
Milliner

## HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINTS

We like to make our advertising helpful. We believe that the reason holiday buying is often so trying, is simply because the right goods and the right people do not get together. There might be right at hand the exact gift that would please you best, but without the advertising to suggest the gift, your selection is difficult and my go amiss altogether. We believe if you would read our advertisement carefully you will be saved much labor and worry. We believe you will be able to do much of your Christmas shopping right at home; that you can there pass calm judgment upon the suitability of the respective gifts, and then come to the store with half the labor accomplished.

**Cigars.**  
If you can't reform him, see to it at least that he smokes good cigars. We have fine goods put up in boxes of 12 and 25 for the holidays. You can rely upon the quality of the cigars we offer. They are brands that the most critical smokers in town have passed judgement on. \$1.20 and \$2.50 per box. Larger boxes if you want them.

**Ink Stands.**  
A little item now in large demand. They do to check in most anywhere, and we have them in gift, silver, glass, etc, 50c to \$3.00.

**Pocket Books.**  
Large lines of the latest for men and women; especially large assortment of gift pocket books for ladies. A very sensible, serviceable present. 25c to \$2.50.

**Books.**  
There is hardly a person who has to buy Christmas gifts who should not consider the selection of books, as they are equally desirable for old and young. They are treasured for life time and never lose their value. Large as our stock was last year, it is almost doubled this season. The variety is greater and the stock

throughout is larger. It includes all the latest and most popular novels, together with standard fiction, poetry, etc. Also books for girls, boys and the little ones. You can find anything you want and can be suited, no matter what price you want to pay. We sell most books for less than publisher's prices, often much less, and these low prices prevail throughout the holiday season.

**Perfumes.**  
You will want perfumes of course and if you desire a splendid assortment to pick from, high quality and close prices, we shall expect to supply you. Fancy bottles 25c to \$7.50. An especially fine line of standard odors in handsome bottles from 25c to 50c. Original 1/4 oz and bottles of standard high grade extracts for those who wish to make a superb perfume present.

**Oxford Bibles.**  
The best gift of all in many instances. The cheapest ones are extra good, with limp covers, maps, tables, etc. Have a large variety to choose from if you come at once. \$1 to \$6.

**Toilet Cases and Celluloid Novelties.**  
We have some beautiful toilet and dressing cases in plush, silver and celluloid. Prices from 95c to \$12.

**Fountain Pens,**  
A fountain pen is the busy man or woman's friend. It is a perpetual convenience if it is a good one, and a constant annoyance if it isn't. We guarantee those we sell to be first-class. Prices differ a little probably more than the quality of the pens. From \$1.00 up.

**Abundance of Games.**  
Every game that goes into the home helps to make home more attractive for the children and often for the elders. We have attractive games at half prices, between 10 cents and \$1.00. Authors, Adagrams, Bachelors, etc. Spelling boards, a most desirable gift for little folks, spelling blocks, from 40 cents, 75 cents, Crokinols and other board games up to \$5.50.

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**LA GRANDE OREGON**